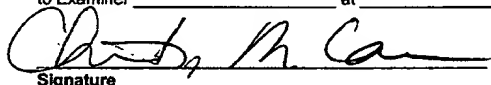


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Preliminary to examination in this application and before calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please substitute the paragraph below for the corresponding paragraph in the original specification. The revisions to the paragraph are shown in the attached Appendix A.

The paragraph beginning at page ~~2~~<sup>1</sup>, line ~~1~~<sup>3</sup>:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/059,826, filed April 14, 1998, which claims the benefit of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/043,014 filed 04/15/97.